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TAGS: EAGR, BDIS, EINV, BL
SUBJECT: APPEL GATE/YOUNGQUIST CASE

1. ATTORNEY FOR APPEL GATE/YOUNGQUIST, J. ANTHONY MORAN, TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT MARCH 7 SEEKING STATUS REPORT ON HIS PENDING REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH GOB MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE. DEPTOFF NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR STEDMAN HAD MADE TWO PRIOR APPOINTMENTS FOR APPEL GATE TO MEET WITH THE MININDUSTRY, NEITHER OF WHICH WERE KEPT BY APPEL GATE.

2. MORAN EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR EMBASSY'S POSITION AND NOTED THAT APPEL GATE SHOULD NOT HAVE AGREED TO SEE MINISTER ON HIS OWN. IN ADDITION TO BEING LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF APPEL GATE AND YOUNGQUIST, MORAN SAID HE HAD A FIFTY PERCENT INTEREST IN THE CLAIM. HE SAID HE WOULD WRITE TO AMBASSADOR, EXPLAINING BACKGROUND AND REITERATING HIS OFFER TO COME TO LA PAZ TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT. ON MARCH 12, DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A COPY OF A MARCH 7 LETTER WHICH REQUESTS AMBASSADOR'S CONTINUED ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING SOLUTION. LETTER ALSO STATES MORAN'S INTENTION TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR CAPRILES TO SEEK HIS ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING A MEETING WITH KEY GOB OFFICIALS TO SEEK RESOLUTION OF HIS CLAIM.

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TION OF HIS CLAIM.

3. COMMENT: MORAN'S CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL TO LA PAZ FOR NEGOTIATIONS APPEARS TO INDICATE SERIOUS INTENT TO SEEK A SETTLEMENT OF THIS LONG-STANDING DISPUTE. DEPARTMENT HOPES EMBASSY CAN ASSIST IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIALS. INGERSOLL

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